

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5-11, 13-16 and 18-33 are pending in this application. Claim 4 is presently cancelled and claims 2, 3, 12 and 17 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 5 and 6 are presently amended. Claim 1 has been amended by essentially incorporating the subject matter of claim 4. Claim 4 has accordingly been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend upon amended claim 1. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action states that claims 14-16 and 18-33 are allowed, and claims 4-6 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in complete independent form.

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-3, 7-11 and 13 under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Anderson et al taken with Sugiyama et al.

The applicants further traverse the rejection of claims 1, 3, 7-11 and 13 under 35 USC 103(a) over Anderson et al., in view of Sugiyama et al. and Kitamura et al.

None of the cited references in either of the above two rejections make the presently claimed invention to be obvious.

However, please note that claim 1 has been amended as shown above by incorporating the subject matter of allowable claim 4. Thus, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend upon allowable claim 1 and are thus allowable. Claims 7-11 also directly or indirectly depend upon allowable claim 1 and are thus allowable.

In view of claims 14-16 and 18-33 being previously allowed and claims 1 and 5-11 being allowable, the applicants submit that this application is allowable containing claims 1, 5-11, 13-16 and 18-33.

In view of the above and there being no other objections or rejections, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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